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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 19, 2004, **MARVIN RAY BEERS** age 35, of Pittsburg, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. BEERS, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine, was sentenced to 121 months' imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, and was fined \$850.

The investigation established that from at least November 18, 2002, through March 21, 2003, BEERS and others were involved in the manufacture, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in Williamson County, Illinois. The investigation was conducted by the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Williamson County Sheriff's Department, Marion Police Department, Herrin Police Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.